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APPOINTMENT of Mr. ROBERT MEETKIRKE to be Upper
Master of the FREE-GRAMMAR SCHOOL in DARLINGTON.

23 January 1750.

K NOW ALL MEN by these Presents, that We JOHN TIDY,
MICHAEL WINDALE, EDWARD REAH and JOHN HESLOP the present *Four*
Guardians or Wardens of the Parish Church of DARLINGTON in the County
Palatine of Durham, and *Governors of the Free Grammar School (founded by*
Letter's Patents of our late Sovereign Queen ELIZABETH) within the said Town
and Village of Darlington in the said County Palatine of Durham, and of the
Possessions, Revenues and Goods of and belonging to the same Free School
(for the time being) HAVE elected, nominated and appointed, and by these
Presents, DO for Us and our Successors; elect, nominate and appoint, the
Reverend ROBERT MEETKIRKE late of Icklefield in the County of Hertford
Master of Arts, to be Upper Master of the said Free Grammar School, in the
Town and Village of Darlington aforesaid (*the same being now vacant by the*
Removal of Mr. Thomas Cooke late Master thereof) the said Robert Meetkirke being a
Minister in Holy Orders of the Church of England, and fitly qualified to teach
and instruct Youth in the Elements of Grammar and the Latin Tongue.

TO HAVE HOLD AND ENJOY the said Place of Upper-Master of
and in the School House of the said Free Grammar School in the Town and
Village of Darlington aforesaid, *for and during so long time as he shall well behave*
himself in the said place of Upper Master of the said Free Grammar School aforesaid;

AND also We HAVE given and granted, and by these Presents DO for
Us and our Successors give and grant unto the said Robert Meetkirke the *Neat*
Produce or Surplus of all and singular the Rents, Issues, Profits and Advantages
whatsoever arising or to arise, by from or out of all and every the Lands, Tene-
ments and Revenues of and belonging to the said Free School (*after first deduct-*
ing thereout the Yearly Sum of Eighteen Pounds as and for the Sallary or Stipend
of the Under Master or Usher of the said Free School, and all Taxes, Charges of
Repairs

*Repairs and incident Expences attending the Executin of the Trust of the Govern-
 nors of the said Free School for the time being) to be received by Us and our
 Successors from time to time, and to be paid over by Us to the said Robert
 Meetkirke half Yearly, as and for his Sallary or Stipend of Upper Master of the
 said Free School, for and during so long time as he shall continue and well
 behave himself in the said place of Upper Master of the said Freee School as afore-
 said; and the first half Years Payment of the said Neat Profits arising from
 the Revenues of the said School to begin and be made at or upon the First
 Day of June next; And We have delivered to the said Robert Meetkirke the Key
 of the Door of the said Free School House in Darlington aforesaid in the name
 of the Possession thereof. IN TESTIMONY whereof We the said Governors
 have to these Presents (and also to a Duplicate hereof remaining with Us
 amongst the Proceedings of the Governors of the said Free School) put the
 Common Seal of the said Governors of the said Free Grammar School, and also
 subscribed our Names this Twenty third Day of January in the Year of our
 Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty.*

Scaled & Delivered }
 in the Presence of }

JOHN TIDY

MICH. WINDALE

JAMES ALLAN

EDWARD REAH

THO: DOUGLAS

The Mark of

JOHN  HESLOP